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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 12, 2002 in which it was stated that the Applicants' response of 07/11/02 did not present arguments concerning the 103 rejection in the Office Action of March 21, 2002.

REMARKS

In the Office Action of March 21, 2002, claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,329,433 to Seebeck *et al.* ("Seebeck"). The reply of 07/11/02 noted that claim 4 had been amended such that the fermentation medium has been limited to wort and that amended claim 4